

Briefing for  
Senator Saltonstall

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CUBA

I. The buildup of Soviet-supplied military equipment in Cuba that began in late July is continuing.

A. Thus far, we have confirmed 20 SA-2 surface to-air missile (SAM) sites and three coastal defense cruise missile installations in Cuba.

B. At least 26 and possibly as many as 35 MIG-21 jet fighters have been delivered or are en route.

C. At least 12 missile-equipped KOMAR-class patrol boats have arrived.

D. All this is in addition to more tanks, artillery, etc.

II. The 20 SAM sites will almost complete the air defense coverage of the island.

A. Others are probably under construction or will be.

B. Some could already be operational, though we still lack conclusive evidence of this.

C. The Soviet SAM system is estimated to have an effective air defense capability to ranges of about 20 to 25 miles and maximum effectiveness at altitudes between 10,000 and 60,000 feet.

D. The coastal defense cruise missiles are believed to have relatively short range.

III. The MIG-21 jet fighters delivered since August are in addition to about 60 MIG's of less advanced types sent to Cuba since the summer of 1961.

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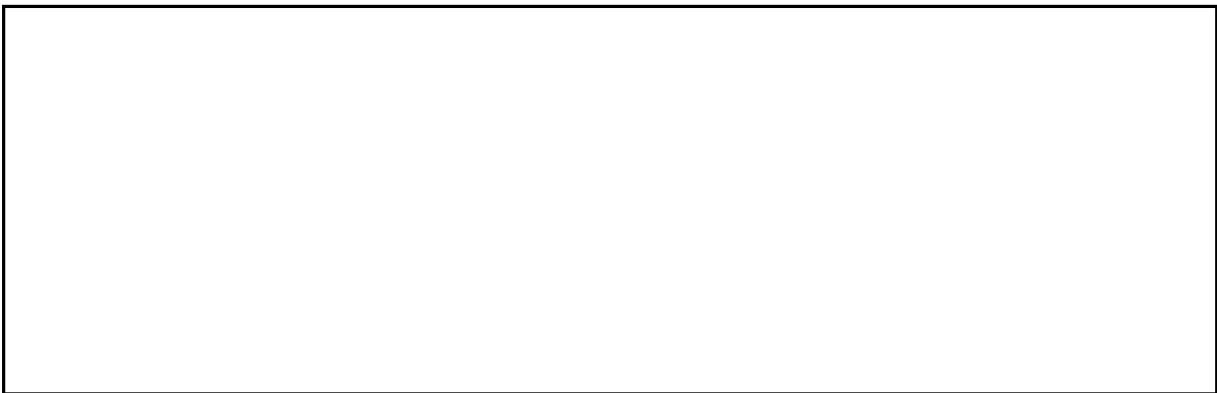
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A. The MIG-21 has a speed in excess of 1,000 miles per hour and is normally armed with two air-to-air missiles as well as rockets and cannon.

IV. The KOMAR-class boats carry two missiles each with useful ranges of about 15 miles. The boats have a range radius of about 325 miles.

A. These boats are in addition to 13 or more motor torpedo boats and six Khronstadt-class subchasers delivered earlier this year.



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B. This is the first evidence we have had to indicate that bombers may have been delivered to Cuba.

~~C. There is no evidence that any more are en route.~~

~~D. The radius of the IL-28 is 740 nautical miles.~~

VI. Accompanying these military shipments have been a minimum of 5,000 Soviet military personnel and possibly many more.

A. The majority have been engaged at the missile site installations, although some have been training Cuban pilots and other military personnel.

1. It is estimated that about 125 trained personnel are required to operate each SAM site, thus, about 2,500 of the

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Soviet personnel will be required to man these sites alone.

2. There is no evidence that the training of Cubans in the operation of the SAM sites has yet begun.

3. After such training begins, it will be about a year before Cubans could operate the equipment without extensive Soviet technical support.

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